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BURNEY-McCLOUD INSECT CONTROL PROJECT

Modification of Treating Procedure

Inview of the evidence of an early spring and the fact that broods of Ips are showing signs of activity indicating an early emergence, the following modifications in treating procedure is suggested for trees containing Ips broods.

Only that portion of the tree containing brood will be treated at this time and all non infested portions(green bases) will be left for later treatment. The experience of all treating crews has shown that the most time consuming job in treatment is the burning of green bases of unmerchantable trees and poles and all treating time should now be expended in burning infested portions only. The leaving of green bases for treatment at a later date will serve a dual purpose. Such green bases will serve as trap material for any Ips that may have escaped in the treating procedure and the time thus saved will make it possible to treat more infested material in the limited amount of time remaining before the Ips brood emerges. Such green bases can be treated towards the end of the job and can be done any time before May 15.

It is suggested that for at least the next two weeks all activities should be concentrated on the treating of scattered large groups of Ips infested trees and that scattered single trees which are principally infested by D.b and flatheads should be left for later treatment.

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